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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 8, 2002, Applicants hereby submit an English language translation of a Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection dated March 23, 2004, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-366839, in which the following documents were cited:

\* Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-66973, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-41131, together with an English language abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2000-04341, together with an English language abstract of the same.

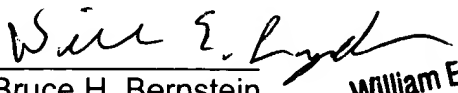
The relevance of each document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the claims, is set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reason for Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further, Applicant notes that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the Request for Continued Examination and an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to  
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